"The Call of God"
Genesis 11, 12

Principle: The Bible is the story of God calling people.

Initial thoughts concerning God's calling on your life:

1. Your calling is a gift from God!

   "God, by his grace through Christ, has called you to become his people." Galatians 1:6

   "He has saved us and called us to a holy life – not because of anything we've done but because of his own purpose and grace." 2 Timothy 1:9

2. You are called for God's purpose.

   "For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do." Ephesians 2:10

3. God chose your calling before you were born.

   "It pleased God in his kindness to choose me and call me even before I was born! What undeserved mercy!" Galatians 1:15

   "Before I shaped you in the womb, I knew all about you. Before you saw the light of day, I had holy plans for you." Jeremiah 1:5

   "I am your Creator. You were in my care even before you were born!" Isaiah 44:2

4. Your sins and your mistakes don't change your call.

   "By calling me into his service, Jesus has judged me trustworthy, even though I used to be a blasphemer and a persecutor and contemptuous. Mercy, however, was shown me, because while I lacked faith, I acted in ignorance." 1 Timothy 1:12, 13

5. God empowers what he calls you to do.

   "I urge you to live the life to which God called you." Ephesians 4:1

6. There is a prize for living out your calling.

   "I press toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus." Philippians 3:14

   "Live the kind of life that pleases God, who calls you to share in his own Kingdom and glory." 1 Thessalonians 2:12

Principle: God's plan and purpose for your life is that you might succeed and prosper.

"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." Jeremiah 29:11

Principle: Faith is obeying when I don't understand it.

"It was faith that made Abraham obey when God called him and go out to a country God had promised to him. He left his own country without knowing where he was going." Hebrews 11:8

Five qualities of God's call from the life of Abraham:

1. God's call always has a person-to-person quality to it.
2. God's call is always an experience of clear direction
3. God's call is always the experience of a powerful command
4. God's call always includes the experience of an awesome promise
5. God's call always has the experience of instant change.

"It is clear then that God's promise to give the whole earth to Abraham and his descendents was not because Abraham obeyed God's laws. It was because he trusted God to keep His promise." Romans 4:13